



Rhode Island
Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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To Whom It May Concern,

Fishermen wishing to participate in the aggregate landing program for both scup and summer flounder during the Winter 1 sub period (January – April) must complete the following application. Upon completion, the application should be mailed (3 Fort Wetherill Rd, Jamestown, RI 02835), emailed (jmcnamee@dem.state.ri.us), or faxed (423-1925) to the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Once the application is received, reviewed, and accepted by both the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement, an Aggregate Landing Permit shall be issued for the vessel. A list of seafood dealers who are also participating in the program will be issued along with the permit. Fishermen participating in the aggregate landing program may only land summer flounder and scup at the seafood dealers specified on the list.

Please review the application and applicable regulations before signing, as they describe the rules and requirements of the program. For any further questions please contact Jason McNamee at 423-1943.

APPLICATION FOR THE RHODE ISLAND AGGREGATE LANDING PROGRAM

Vessel Name: _____

Vessel Federal Permit Number (if applicable): _____

Rhode Island Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate Number: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

This application is to solicit from the DEM Division of Law Enforcement and Fish & Wildlife for the above named vessel to obtain a permit to land a cumulative landing of up to 2,500 pounds of summer flounder per week and/or 30,000 pounds of scup per two-week period in Rhode Island during the Winter 1 sub period as set forth in RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-1 and 7.11.2-1. Cumulative landings of summer flounder for each week may not exceed 2,500 pounds from the first Sunday of the first full week in February through the first Saturday of the first full week in April or until 80% of the Winter 1 quota has been caught, whichever first occurs. Cumulative landings of scup for each bi-weekly period may not exceed 30,000 pounds from January 1 through April 30 or until 80% of the Winter 1 quota has been caught, whichever first occurs.

Conditions:

1. Each fishing week runs from 12:00 AM Sunday-11: 59 PM Saturday. Scup extends over two of these fishing week periods.
2. The operator of any vessel permitted for the aggregate landing program shall sell, trade, or barter only to dealers certified to report electronically to the Division using the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS). The operator shall report the following information to the dealer(s) upon landing: 1) Vessel Name, 2) Vessel Federal Permit Number, 3) Operator's RI Commercial License Number, 3) Weight of Summer Flounder and/or Scup landed, and 4) Date Landed.
3. The above referenced information shall be reported via the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS) and by providing the State's copy of the Vessel Trip Report logbook or the reporting form provided by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to a DEM Law Enforcement officer upon request, including the name(s) and address(es) of the dealer(s) where the summer flounder and/or scup were landed.
4. The State's copy of the Vessel Trip Report logbook or the reporting form provided by the Division of Fish and Wildlife must be on board the vessel in numerical order for the entire winter 1 sub period and must date back to January 1st.
5. Non-compliance with the provisions of RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-1 and/or 7.11.2-1 or the enrollment agreement shall subject both the owner and the operator to revocation of enrollment

and participation in the commercial fisheries for the subsequent Winter I fishery. If for any reason a Winter I fishery does not exist by regulation, the owner(s) and operator(s) privilege to commercially fish will be suspended for the same calendar time period as described in the current Winter I period upon adjudication.

Additionally, imposition of a penalty pursuant to Part 3.3 (RIGL 20-3-3) and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Suspension/Revocation of Commercial Marine Fisheries, Shellfish Buyer, Lobster Dealer, Finfish Dealer, and Multi-purpose Dealer, licenses issued pursuant to Title 20 of RIGL "Fish and Wildlife".

6. The program will terminate on first Saturday of the first full week in April for summer flounder and April 30th for scup or when 80% of the Winter 1 quota has been harvested as determined by Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), whichever first occurs. The possession limit per vessel will be 500 pounds per calendar day for summer flounder and 1,000 pounds per vessel per calendar day for scup upon termination of the program. The Division of Fish and Wildlife will provide notice of the termination of the program.

By signing below the individual(s) agree(s) to follow the aggregate landing program agreement and the program regulations as set forth in RIMF Regulations 7.7.1-1 and 7.11.2-1. The owner and any individuals who will be operating the permitted vessel must sign below. All other RIMF Rules and Regulations governing scup and summer flounder are still in effect.

Owner Name (Print): _____

Owner Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator (1) Name (Print): _____

Operator (1) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____

Operator (2) Name (Print): _____

Operator (2) Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Rhode Island Commercial License Number: _____